## ■ Delphi Language Reference

## **Object Pascal grammar**

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Topic Groups
             See Also
  Goal -> (Program | Package | Library | Unit)
  Program -> [PROGRAM Ident ['(' IdentList ')'] ';']
            ProgramBlock '.'
  Unit -> UNIT Ident [PortabilityDirective] ';'
          InterfaceSection
          ImplementationSection
          InitSection '.'
  Package -> PACKAGE Ident ';'
             [RequiresClause]
              [ContainsClause]
             END '.'
  Library -> LIBRARY Ident ';'
             ProgramBlock '.'
  ProgramBlock -> [UsesClause]
                  Block
  UsesClause -> USES IdentList ';'
  PortabilityDirective -> platform
                        -> deprecated
                        -> library
  InterfaceSection -> INTERFACE
                       [UsesClause]
                       [InterfaceDecl]...
  InterfaceDecl -> ConstSection
                 -> TypeSection
                 -> VarSection
                 -> ExportedHeading
  ExportedHeading -> ProcedureHeading ';' [Directive]
                  -> FunctionHeading ';' [Directive]
  ImplementationSection -> IMPLEMENTATION
                            [UsesClause]
                            [DeclSection]...
                            [ExportsStmt]...
  Block -> [DeclSection]
            [ExportsStmt]...
           CompoundStmt
            [ExportsStmt]...
  ExportsStmt -> EXPORTS ExportsItem [, ExportsItem]...
ExportsItem -> Ident [NAME | INDEX "'" ConstExpr "'"]
                        [INDEX | NAME "'" ConstExpr "'"]
  DeclSection -> LabelDeclSection
              -> ConstSection
              -> TypeSection
              -> VarSection
              -> ProcedureDeclSection
  LabelDeclSection -> LABEL LabelId
  ConstSection -> CONST (ConstantDecl ';')...
  ConstantDecl -> Ident '=' ConstExpr [PortabilityDirective]
               -> Ident ':' TypeId '=' TypedConstant [PortabilityDirective]
  TypeSection -> TYPE (TypeDecl ';')
  TypeDecl -> Ident '=' [TYPE] Type [PortabilityDirective]
           -> Ident '=' [TYPE] RestrictedType [PortabilityDirective]
  TypedConstant -> (ConstExpr | ArrayConstant | RecordConstant)
  ArrayConstant -> '(' TypedConstant ',' ')'
  RecordConstant -> '(' RecordFieldConstant ';'... ')'
  RecordFieldConstant -> Ident ':' TypedConstant
  Type -> TypeId
       -> SimpleType
       -> StrucType
       -> PointerType
       -> StringType
       -> ProcedureType
       -> VariantType
       -> ClassRefType
  RestrictedType -> ObjectType
                 -> ClassType
                  -> InterfaceType
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ClassRefType -> CLASS OF TypeId
SimpleType -> (OrdinalType | RealType)
RealType -> REAL48
         -> REAL
         -> SINGLE
         -> DOUBLE
         -> EXTENDED
         -> CURRENCY
         -> COMP
OrdinalType -> (SubrangeType | EnumeratedType | OrdIdent)
OrdIdent -> SHORTINT
          -> SMALLINT
         -> INTEGER
         -> BYTE
         -> LONGINT
         -> INT64
         -> WORD
         -> BOOLEAN
         -> CHAR
         -> WIDECHAR
         -> LONGWORD
         -> PCHAR
VariantType -> VARIANT
            -> OLEVARIANT
SubrangeType -> ConstExpr '..' ConstExpr
EnumeratedType -> '(' EnumeratedTypeElement ','...')'
EnumeratedTypeElement -> Ident [ '=' ConstExpr ]
StringType -> STRING
           -> ANSISTRING
           -> WIDESTRING
           -> STRING '[' ConstExpr ']'
StrucType -> [PACKED] (ArrayType | SetType | FileType | RecType [PACKED])
ArrayType -> ARRAY ['[' OrdinalType ','... ']'] OF Type [PortabilityDirective]
RecType -> RECORD [FieldList] END [PortabilityDirective]
FieldList -> FieldDecl ';'... [VariantSection] [';']
FieldDecl -> IdentList ':' Type [PortabilityDirective]
VariantSection -> CASE [Ident ':'] TypeId OF RecVariant ';'...
RecVariant -> ConstExpr ','... ':' '(' [FieldList] ')'
SetType -> SET OF OrdinalType [PortabilityDirective]
FileType -> FILE OF TypeId [PortabilityDirective]
PointerType -> '^' TypeId [PortabilityDirective]
ProcedureType -> (ProcedureHeading | FunctionHeading) [OF OBJECT]
VarSection -> VAR (VarDecl ';')...
VarDecl On Windows -> IdentList ':' Type [(ABSOLUTE (Ident | ConstExpr)) | '='
 ConstExpr]
                [PortabilityDirective] On Linux -> IdentList ':' Type
 [ABSOLUTE (Ident) | '=' ConstExpr] [PortabilityDirective]
Expression -> SimpleExpression [RelOp SimpleExpression]...
SimpleExpression -> ['+' | '-'] Term [AddOp Term]...
Term -> Factor [MulOp Factor]...
Factor -> Designator ['(' ExprList ')']
       -> '@' Designator
       -> Number
       -> String
       -> NIL
       -> '(' Expression ')'
       -> NOT Factor
       -> SetConstructor
       -> TypeId '(' Expression ')'
RelOp -> '>'
      -> '<'
      -> '<='
      -> '>='
      -> '<>'
      -> IN
      -> IS
      -> AS
AddOp -> '+'
      -> '-'
      -> OR
      -> XOR
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MulOp -> '*'
      -> '/'
      -> DIV
      -> MOD
      -> AND
      -> SHL
      -> SHR
Designator -> QualId ['.' Ident | '[' ExprList ']' | '^']...
SetConstructor -> '[' [SetElement ','...] ']'
SetElement -> Expression ['..' Expression]
ExprList -> Expression ','...
Statement -> [LabelId ':'] [SimpleStatement | StructStmt]
StmtList -> Statement ';'
SimpleStatement -> Designator ['(' [ExprList] ')']
                -> Designator ':=' Expression
                -> INHERITED
                -> GOTO LabelId
StructStmt -> CompoundStmt
           -> ConditionalStmt
           -> LoopStmt
           -> WithStmt
           -> TryExceptStmt
           -> TryFinallyStmt
           -> RaiseStmt
           -> AssemblerStmt
CompoundStmt -> BEGIN StmtList END
ConditionalStmt -> IfStmt
                -> CaseStmt
IfStmt -> IF Expression THEN Statement [ELSE Statement]
CaseStmt -> CASE Expression OF CaseSelector ';'... [ELSE StmtList] [';'] END
CaseSelector -> CaseLabel ','... ':' Statement
CaseLabel -> ConstExpr ['..' ConstExpr]
LoopStmt -> RepeatStmt
         -> WhileStmt
         -> ForStmt
RepeatStmt -> REPEAT Statement UNTIL Expression
WhileStmt -> WHILE Expression DO Statement
ForStmt -> FOR QualId ':=' Expression (TO | DOWNTO) Expression DO Statement
WithStmt -> WITH IdentList DO Statement
TryExceptStmt -> TRY
                   Statement...
                 EXCEPT
                   ExceptionBlock
                 END
ExceptionBlock -> [ON [Ident ':'] TypeID DO Statement]...
                  [ELSE Statement...]
TryFinallyStmt -> TRY
                   Statement
                  FINALLY
                   Statement
                  END
RaiseStmt -> RAISE [object] [AT address]
AssemblerStatement -> ASM
                   -> <assemblylanguage>
                   -> END
ProcedureDeclSection -> ProcedureDecl
                     -> FunctionDecl
ProcedureDecl -> ProcedureHeading ';' [Directive] [PortabilityDirective]
                 Block ';'
FunctionDecl -> FunctionHeading ';' [Directive] [PortabilityDirective]
                Block ';'
FunctionHeading -> FUNCTION Ident [FormalParameters] ':' (SimpleType | STRING)
ProcedureHeading -> PROCEDURE Ident [FormalParameters]
FormalParameters -> '(' [FormalParm ';'...] ')'
FormalParm -> [VAR | CONST | OUT] Parameter
Parameter -> IdentList [':' ([ARRAY OF] SimpleType | STRING | FILE)]
          -> Ident ':' SimpleType '=' ConstExpr
Directive -> CDECL
          -> REGISTER
          -> DYNAMIC
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-> VIRTUAL
            -> EXPORT
            -> EXTERNAL
            -> NEAR
            -> FAR
            -> FORWARD
            -> MESSAGE ConstExpr
            -> OVERRIDE
            -> OVERLOAD
            -> PASCAL
            -> REINTRODUCE
            -> SAFECALL
            -> STDCALL
            -> VARARGS
            -> LOCAL
            -> ABSTRACT
  ObjectType -> OBJECT [ObjHeritage] [ObjFieldList] [MethodList] END
  ObjHeritage -> '(' QualId ')'
  MethodList -> (MethodHeading [';' VIRTUAL]) ';'...
  MethodHeading -> ProcedureHeading
                -> FunctionHeading
                -> ConstructorHeading
                -> DestructorHeading
  ConstructorHeading -> CONSTRUCTOR Ident [FormalParameters]
  DestructorHeading -> DESTRUCTOR Ident [FormalParameters]
  ObjFieldList -> (IdentList ':' Type) ';'
  InitSection -> INITIALIZATION StmtList [FINALIZATION StmtList] END
              -> BEGIN StmtList END
              -> END
  ClassType -> CLASS [ClassHeritage]
               [ClassVisibility]
               [ClassFieldList]
               [ClassMethodList]
               [ClassPropertyList]
               END
  ClassHeritage -> '(' IdentList ')'
  ClassVisibility -> [PUBLIC | PROTECTED | PRIVATE | PUBLISHED]
  ClassFieldList -> (ClassVisibility ObjFieldList) ';'...
  ClassMethodList -> (ClassVisibility MethodList) ';'...
  ClassPropertyList -> (ClassVisibility PropertyList ';')...
  PropertyList -> PROPERTY Ident [PropertyInterface] [PropertySpecifiers]
   [PortabilityDirective]
  PropertyInterface -> [PropertyParameterList] ':' Ident
  PropertyParameterList -> '[' (IdentList ':' TypeId) ';'... ']'
  PropertySpecifiers -> [INDEX ConstExpr]
                        [READ Ident]
                         [WRITE Ident]
                        [STORED (Ident | Constant)]
                        [(DEFAULT Constexpr) | NODEFAULT]
                        [IMPLEMENTS TypeId]
  InterfaceType -> INTERFACE [InterfaceHeritage]
                   [ClassMethodList]
                   [ClassPropertyList]
                   END
  InterfaceHeritage -> '(' IdentList ')'
  RequiresClause -> REQUIRES IdentList... ';'
  ContainsClause -> CONTAINS IdentList... ';'
  IdentList -> Ident ','...
  QualId -> [UnitId '.'] Ident
  TypeId -> [UnitId '.'] <type-identifier>
  Ident -> <identifier>
  ConstExpr -> <constant-expression>
  UnitId -> <unit-identifier>
  LabelId -> <label-identifier>
  Number -> <number>
String -> <string>
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